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**Please Note:** New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, Appendix I, Mailing List Registration, DEBES Vendor Request for Logon Identification, Vendor Name and Address Information Form, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) prior to bid opening (March 10, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-204

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

**PLEASE NOTE: SINCE THIS IS A SHORT TURN AROUND PLEASE DO NOT BID ON THE PRODUCT IF YOU CANNOT DELIVER ON TIME.**

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

Date Issued: March 5, 2003

Canned Dried Beans, Announcement FV-204, Invitation 037.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell canned dried beans as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **March 10, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 12, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from March 16-31, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Blackeye Beans

24/#300

22,950 cases

***Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.***

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-204, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Canned Dried Beans, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.



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*Commercial labels and packaging are acceptable provided they meet all Food and Drug Administration requirements and the primary container has a code suitable to trace the product back to date and location of processing.*

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-204, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Multiple DO's are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV204  
 INVITATION : 037  
 COMM GROUP : 41 BEANS, DRIED, CANNED  
 COMM TYPE : 18 BEANS, BLACK EYE, CANNED  
 PACK SIZE : 18 24/#300

| ITEM<br>NO                          | DESTINATION<br>CITY | ST | TRANS<br>RESTR | QUANTITY<br>(CSE) | PRICE PER<br>(CSE) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| -----                               |                     |    |                |                   |                    |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 03/16/03 - 03/31/03 |                     |    |                |                   |                    |
| 001                                 | BRONX               | NY | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |
| 002                                 | BRONX               | NY | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |
| 003                                 | BRONX               | NY | TRUCK ONLY     | 765               | _____              |
|                                     | ROCHESTER           | NY | TRUCK ONLY     | 765               | _____              |
| 004                                 | BIRMINGHAM          | AL | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,023             | _____              |
|                                     | HUNTSVILLE          | AL | TRUCK ONLY     | 507               | _____              |
| 005                                 | MONTGOMERY          | AL | TRUCK ONLY     | 904               | _____              |
|                                     | THEODORE            | AL | TRUCK ONLY     | 626               | _____              |
| 006                                 | JACKSON             | MS | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |
| 007                                 | COLUMBIA            | SC | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |
| 008                                 | COLUMBIA            | SC | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |
| 009                                 | FAIRFIELD           | OH | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             | _____              |

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| 010        | LITTLE ROCK         | AR | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             |                    |
| 011        | JONESBORO           | AR | TRUCK ONLY     | 673               |                    |
|            | LITTLE ROCK         | AR | TRUCK ONLY     | 857               |                    |
| 012        | LITTLE ROCK         | AR | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             |                    |
| 013        | ALEXANDRIA          | LA | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             |                    |
| 014        | TYLER               | TX | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             |                    |
| 015        | SURPRISE            | AZ | TRUCK ONLY     | 1,530             |                    |

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 22,950

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 Michelle E. Warren  
 Contracting Officer

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